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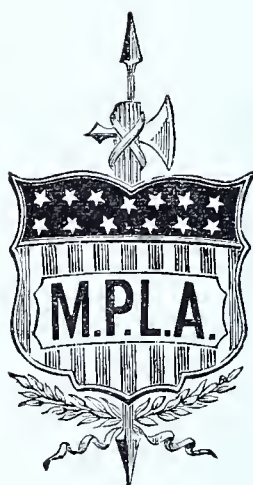
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this Society shall be "THE MILITARY POST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to improve the social, moral and religious condition of the enlisted men of the United States Army, by concentrating and uniting the efforts of the benevolent and philanthropic throughout the country in their behalf: to aid the men, individually, to obtain Honor, Independence and Virtue in their calling; and hence, necessarily, giving to the country an army of intelligent and respectable soldiers—a safe-guard in a Republic. To these ends, the Association shall endeavor to influence, for the good of the soldier, such legislation as may be necessary, by the "Congress of the United States," shall aid in the establishment of Libraries and Reading Rooms at all Military Posts and Stations, and in the free distribution of high toned secular and Christian reading, and co-operate with every effort to increase virtue, restrain vice, and elevate the soldiers to positions of self-respect, self-control and honor.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any such person—soldier or civilian—shall be eligible to Membership in this Association, who will further its objects, by personal effort, by contributing reasonably of his means, and by agreeing to the provisions of this Constitution. The payment of Twenty five (\$25) Dollars, at one time, shall constitute an *Annual Member*; of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), at one time, a *Life Member*; of Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500) at one time, a *Life Director*.

ARTICLE IV.

GOVERNMENT.

This Association shall elect annually a *President*, twenty-one (21) *Vice-Presidents*, a *Treasurer*, a *Corresponding Secretary*, a *Recording Secretary* and a *Chaplain*; who shall constitute the General Society.

This Association shall also elect annually, an *Executive Committee* of not less than fifteen, or over twenty one persons; to whom shall be entrusted all the affairs and funds of the Society. Said *Executive Committee* shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur therein, during the year. They shall appoint such *Standing Committees* as the exigencies of the Society may require, who shall mature business for the consideration and execution of

the Committee. Said Executive Committee shall also have power to appoint an Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Financial Agents, or Missionaries to labor under its direction, in the interest of the organization. This *Committee* shall meet quarterly for the transaction of business, the second Tuesday of January, April, July, October, in each year. Special meetings may be called by the President or Secretary, at the written request of any ten members. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting duly convened.

ARTICLE V.

DUTY OF PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, and to perform such duties as usually appertain to that office. In his absence any of the Vice-Presidents may perform his duties.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTY OF TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds of the Society and disburse them as the Executive Committee shall direct; he shall render a written account of the condition of the treasury quarterly, and perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTY OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society and of the Executive Committee, to attend to the business of the office, the distribution of the reading matter to the several posts and stations, and to keep, or cause to be kept, a record of all grants of matter. He shall give a portion of his time to the soliciting of contributions, and to the awakening of a general interest in the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTY OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the transactions of the Society and of the Executive Committee, and an accurate list of members.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTY OF CHAPLAIN.

It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to attend on the Councils of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and to open and close the same with prayer.

ARTICLE X.

ALTERATIONS.

No alterations shall be made in this Constitution, except at an Annual Meeting, upon a two-third vote of all the members of the Association present.

VALUABLE COMMUNICATIONS

FROM

OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
AND ARMY, AND FROM OTHERS, TO THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

From the President of the United States.

MR. JOHN B. KETCHUM,
Cor. Secretary, &c., New-York.

SIR:—I have received your letter of the 10th inst., informing me that I have been elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Military Post Library Association.

It affords me much pleasure to accept this compliment, and I have to request you to communicate to the members of the Association my sincere thanks for their kind consideration, and the sentiments expressed in their communication.

I am, Yours Truly,

U. S. GRANT.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 14th, 1870.* }

From Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Vice-President of the United States.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S CHAMBER, }
WASHINGTON, *March, 18th, 1870.* }

MY DEAR SIR:—Please convey to the Association my appreciation of the honor conferred on me, by my election as one of the Honorary Members of your valuable society, and accept my grateful obligations for the kind sentiments of your note, and believe me, in great haste, but most Truly Yours,

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

JNO. B. KETCHUM, *Cor. Secretary, &c., &c.*

From Gen. W. T. Sherman, U. S. Army.

HEAD-QUARTERS, ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 15th, 1870.* }

JNO. B. KETCHUM, Esq.,
Cor. Sec. &c., 58 Broadway, N. Y. City.

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 10, notifying me that I have been elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Military Post Library Association of the United States.

I thank you for the complimentary terms in which you have conveyed to me this notice, and beg to assure you that I should be most happy, if occasion presents itself, to avail myself of its privileges. I accept with pleasure the appointment.

With great respect, Your Friend,

W. T. SHERMAN,
General.

From the Late * Gen. George H. Thomas.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *March 23rd, 1870.*

JOHN B. KETCHUM,
Cor. Sec., Mil. Post Library Association,
58 Broadway, New-York.

SIR:—Your letter of the 14th inst., enclosing the unanimous resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Mil. Post Library Association, held on the 28th of February last, electing me an Honorary Member of the Association, has been duly received. For this unexpected compliment, I desire to express to the Association my sincere thanks, and at the same time acknowledge, and thank you for the courteous terms of your letter enclosing me the resolutions referred to.

I am, very respectfully,

Your Obt. S't,

GEO. H. THOMAS,
Maj.-Gen., U. S. A.

* It is regarded as a matter of interest, that this communication was among the last acts of the lamented soldier whose name it bears, being prepared but three days before his death.

From Maj.-Gen. George G. Meade, U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY }
DIVISION OF THE ATLANTIC, }
Philadelphia, Pa., *March 15, 1870.* }

JNO. B. KETCHUM, Esq.,
Cor. Secy., M. P. L. A. &c., 58 Broadway, N. Y. City :

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th inst., advising me of my election

as one of the Vice Presidents of the "Military Post Library Association." In accepting the honor conferred upon me, I beg to express my thanks to you, and to the Association, and particularly for the very kind and complimentary terms in which it is conveyed.

The object of your Association, viz., the supplying of the enlisted men of the army (particularly those stationed at remote and out-of-the-way frontier posts), with proper mental food, is one that cannot be too highly prized and one that commands my warmest sympathy and most cordial support. The services required of our army necessitates the distribution of the men in small posts of one and two companies, scattered over the universe territory between the Mississippi river and the Pacific ocean, and the Northern and Southern boundaries of the Republic. Many of these posts are remote from lines of travel, and from post-offices, and all are so removed from the reading resources of large towns, such as libraries and book-stores, that, notwithstanding the efforts of chaplains and other officers, there is scarcely a post that would not be benefitted by contributions such as are distributed by your Association. I know of no work by which philanthropists of means can better serve the interests of the country than by contributions through your Association, thus aiding to improve the *common soldier*, upon whom, in the future, as in the past, the destinies of the country may depend.

I earnestly hope that your Association will be encouraged in the good work it has undertaken, and beg to assure you that you can command the heartiest co-operation on my part in any manner that is practicable.

Very respectfully, your ob'd't. serv't.,

GEORGE G. MEADE,

Maj.-Gen'l. U. S. A.

From Gen. A. E. Burnside, Governor of Rhode Island.

26 EXCHANGE PLACE, }
NEW-YORK, *April 29th*, 1870. }

JOHN B. KETCHUM, Esq.,

Cor. Sec. M. P. Library Association, New-York.

MY DEAR SIR:—I have always been in most cordial sympathy with the work and objects of the Military Post Library Association, and am glad to accept the honor that has been conferred upon me by the Association, in electing me as one of its Vice-Presidents.

Very Truly Yours,

A. E. BURNSIDE.

From Hon. J. D. Cox, late Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 30th, 1870.*

DEAR SIR:—In the pressure of my duties, I have neglected answering, as early as I should have done, your kind note of the 14th instant informing me of my election as an Honorary Member of the Military Post Library Association.

Permit me to thank the Association and yourself for the honor conferred, and to assure you of my very cordial sympathy with its work.

In haste, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. COX.

JOHN B. KETCHUM, Esq.,
Cor. Sec. Military Post Library Association,
New-York City.

From Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.

WAR DEPARTMENT, }
WASHINGTON CITY, *March 18th, 1870.* }

JOHN B. KETCHUM, Esq. Sec'y:

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of 14th inst. is received. Please convey to the Association my thanks for their expression of regard in making me one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society. The work you are engaged in is a most important and necessary one, and is filling a gap that has long existed. I have felt deeply the need of something of this kind, and have sought for some way to bring it about. You have my best wishes for complete success, and may command me in any way in which I can be of service to you.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

O. O. HOWARD,
Bvt. Major-Gen., U. S. A.

From Gen. W. S. Hancock, U. S. A.

ST. PAUL, MINN., }
April 27th, 1870. }

To JOHN B. KETCHUM, Esq.,
New-York City, New-York.

MY DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of April 19th, informing me that I had been nominated one of the Vice-Presidents of the Military Post Library Association, of New-York, for 1870 and 1871. I beg to thank the Committee for their consideration, and to inform you that I consider it a favor and an honor to be designated as one of the officers of so

meritorious an institution. I therefore should not fail to accept the office of Vice-President, to which I have been nominated.

I am, very truly yours,

WINFIELD S. HANCOCK.

From Hon. Edward S. Tobey, of Massachusetts.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, }
BOARD OF INDIAN COMMISSIONERS, }
BOSTON, MASS., *June 8th, 1870.* }

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 6th inst., notifying me that I have been appointed one of the Vice-Presidents of the Military Post Library Association.

I esteem it an honor and a privilege to be thus associated in an effort to improve the intellectual and moral condition of the soldiers of the army of the United States, and therefore accept the appointment with great pleasure.

Permit me to express to the Association, through you, my thanks for the confidence implied by their action in reference to myself.

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

E. S. TOBEY.

JOHN B. KETCHUM, Esq.,

Cor. Sec., &c., New-York.

From Gen. Irvin McDowell, U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, }
NEW-YORK CITY, *April 4th, 1870.* }

JOHN B. KETCHUM, Esq.,

Cor. Sec. Military Post Library Association,

58 Broadway, N. Y.

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo, communicating the resolution of the Military Post Library Association, electing me an Honorary Member of that body.

Please convey to the Association my sincere acknowledgments for the honor they have done me, and accept for yourself the assurance of my esteem and consideration.

I am, with great respect,

Your most obedient servant,

IRVIN McDOWELL,

Bvt. Maj.-Gen., U. S. A.

From Gen E. O. C. Ord, California.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA, }
SAN FRANCISCO, *May 13th*, 1870. }

JOHN B. KETCHUM,

Cor. Sec. M. P. Library Association, New-York.

SIR:—Your communication, informing me that I had been elected an Honorary Member of the above Association is received.

I desire, through you, to express my thanks for this honor.

I am glad to know that the wants of our soldiers, such as this Society is designed to meet, are recognized; and I am sure the effort will accomplish good, and be gratefully appreciated and seconded by the officers and soldiers at our frontier posts.

Accept my thanks for your courteous note.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

E. O. C. ORD,

Brig. and Brev. Maj.-Gen., U. S. A.

From Gen. John Pope, U. S. Army.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE LAKES, }
DETROIT, MICHIGAN, *April 22d*, 1870. }

MY DEAR SIR:—I am just in receipt of your favor of the 20th instant. I esteem myself much honored by the appointment conferred upon me by the Society, and I accept it with thanks.

Whatever I can do to advance its interests, or show my high estimate of its value and usefulness, I need not say I am ready to do.

My address after June 1st will be St. Louis, Missouri, to the command of which Department I have just been transferred.

With high respect, I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN POPE.

JOHN B. KETCHUM, Esq.,
58 Broadway, N. Y.

From Hon E. D. Townsend, Adj. Gen. U. S. Army.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
WASHINGTON, *March 14th*, 1870. }

JOHN B. KETCHUM, Esq.,

Cor. Sec. M. P. L. Association, New-York.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 10th inst., communicating the resolution of the "Military Post Library Association," electing me an Honorary Member, has been received. I am much obliged

for the compliment paid by the Association, and shall be happy to assist in its operations as far as in my power.

I am, yours respectfully,

E. D. TOWNSEND, *Adjutant General.*

From John S. Newberry, LL D., of Ohio.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, *Jan. 17th, 1871.*

J. B. KETCHUM, Esq.,

Cor. Sec. M. P. L. Association.

DEAR SIR:—Professor Martin has notified me that I have been nominated as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Military Post Library Association.

I take pleasure in accepting the appointment, as some years spent at our frontier posts have given me ample evidence of the importance of the work of your organization. I shall be most happy to help in that work in any way in my power.

Yours, respectfully,

J. S. NEWBERRY.

From Gen. R. S. Satterlee, M.D.,

CHIEF MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE, U. S. ARMY, }

126 WOOSTER STREET. }

NEW-YORK, *March 12th, 1870.* }

JOHN B. KETCHUM, Esq.

Cor. Sec. M. P. L. A.

SIR:—Please convey to your Society my thanks for the honor they have done me in conferring on me an Honorary Membership of their valuable Association, which I am sure is doing, and will do, great good in the army, and believe me, sir,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. S. SATTERLEE, M.D.,

Bvt. Brig. Genl. U. S. Army.

From Col. R. M. Hoe, N. Y. City.

Nos. 29 & 31 GOLD ST., }

NEW-YORK, *March 22d, 1870.* }

DEAR SIR:

I should have earlier replied to your kind favor in which you inform me of my election as an Honorary Member of your Association. Your Institution has my warmest wishes for its continued prosperity and usefulness.

Please accept my thanks and convey the same to your associates.

I remain, sir, very respectfully yours,

RICHARD M. HOE.

MR. JNO. B. KETCHUM,

Cor. Sec. M. P. L. A., 58 Broadway.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Prefatory.

THE years roll away. The ages glide into the shadowy past. Day follows day continuously, and never before, as now, do events succeed each other in such marvellous rapidity. The departure of the old year, laden with all its burden of record, for good or evil, awakens retrospections of the past and hopes for the future, which we would not ignore or repress. What characters have we helped to form, and what influence have we exerted, is a matter for the serious contemplation of him who seeks alone the highest moral and spiritual good of his fellow-men. Some one has said that Opportunity is the Flower of Time; and, as the stalk may remain when the flower is cut down, so time may remain with us when opportunity is gone. The year that has closed has been to the Association a precious season for seed-sowing, and we know that it has not been misimproved. All its hours have been filled up with labor—earnest labor—and we have learned to

“ Work, for the night is coming
Under the sunset skies;
While their bright tints are glowing,
Work, for daylight flies;
Work 'till the last beam fadeth,
Fadeth to shine no more;
Work, while the night is dark'ning,
When man's work is o'er.”

The year has been one of some vicissitudes, but of steady advance and progress. Much of effort, through the suns

of summer and the storms of winter, has been witnessed, and much of sacrifice and devotion on the part of some of the Association. Our march has been like that of him who sees afar off the goal of all his hopes, and presses on steadily, over rock and fen, for its attainment. But, our present reward has been commensurate with our labor, though the end of all our purposes and desires is yet far in the distance. Standing upon the shores of the present, and looking over the work of the year, we have occasion for joy in the contemplation of the results of labors given, and for the success that has attended us while silently pursuing the objects of our organization. We may recognize in the echo of voices from the halls of State, and from the pulpit and the forum, in agitation of the great question, "How shall we raise, ameliorate and save the masses of our fellow-men?"—a commendation of our work; and we may feel that our labors are approved of conscience, approved of Heaven, approved of reason, and take courage for the future. Amid the vicissitudes and discouragements which ever attend the prosecution of every humane and benevolent enterprise, we may also feel a true pride in the calm reflection that our labors are just and necessary; that they carry solace to many a disquieted soul—strength to many a fainting spirit—knowledge to many a skillless—wisdom to many an inexperienced head. Although the past year has been an eventful one in our history, and the coming year looms up before us pregnant with equally great events, we would render grateful thanks to God—of whom we have received help—for the degree of prosperity that has attended us.

Changes in the Association.

Prior to January 1st, 1870, the labors of the society had been confined almost exclusively to the Harbor of New-York and vicinity. After the close of the war in 1865, and while the authorities were re-organizing the army for the regular service, thousands of men were stationed at the military posts about this harbor, for whom the Association labored with much success. But when these men took up their departure for the far West, and the chaplains were all removed to the frontier with them, letters began to be received from these, and from many humane and Christian officers, earnestly recommending that the Society become more national in its benefactions, and include within the sphere of its influence *all* military posts in the United States. Progress toward this necessary end had been slow up to the close of 1869, when, in the providence of God, a large number of gentlemen—officers and civilians—associated themselves with those previously interested in conducting the Society, for the purpose and with the design of maintaining a more comprehensive organization, upon a broader basis, and one more commensurate with the importance of the ends aimed at. Under the guidance of these persons, the Association has moved forward with advanced success, and accomplished a vast amount of good in all departments of the army.

Removal.

During the year, the Head Quarters of the Association was changed from 335 Broadway to No. 58 Broadway, cor. Exchange Place, Room 19. This, to us, is a very desirable

change, bringing us nearer to the Military Posts in New-York Harbor, and near to what has not inaptly been termed "The Sinews of War." The office of the Society is open every day from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Officers of the Army, and friends of the Association are invited to call. The undersigned is usually to be found at his desk each day, *after* 12 M.

Design of the Association.

Our design is two-fold: *First*, To endeavor to influence for the mental and sanitary good of the soldier, such legislation on the part of the Congress of the United States as may be necessary to this end, and to insist upon the recognition of the Army by the country at large, as a body entitled to the remembrance, care and sympathy of the people—yet, not as a matter of *charity*, but as those whose services in its behalf, and whose past and present sacrifices and great deeds, clearly entitle it to this recognition, and to whatever of comfort and entertainment can reasonably be prepared.

Second, To maintain an Agency which every Officer and every Soldier of the United States Army may always feel free to address in the matter of moral and spiritual need, and to seek to improve the social, moral and religious condition of the enlisted men of the Army, by concentrating and uniting the efforts of the benevolent and philanthropic in their behalf, and, in every proper way, to endeavor to aid the men individually, to obtain honor, self-respect and virtue in their calling; and thus save our country from securing an army of ignorant and degraded soldiers—hostile to a republican form of government, and, as an element, danger-

ous in a republic. The Association proposes to divide the character of its contributions of reading-matter into *secular* and *religious*. Both are necessary. The secular to embrace standard books and the best-selected periodicals for general reading, and the religious to include the monthly issues of the various religious societies, such as the *Parish Visitor*, *American Messenger*, *Good Words*, *Christian Banner* and *Tract Journal*, &c., besides Bibles, Testaments, Hymn and Prayer Books, &c., for Sabbath reading and study. The Society will co-operate with every Post and Company Commander, Chaplain, or other authorized person, in the matter of collecting Libraries and opening Reading Rooms.

When any Post or Company Fund can be secured, a very liberal discount will be allowed on all orders from officers, and the books purchased, packed and transported through the Quartermaster's Department *free*. Any officer or soldier, upon application, can receive for himself a Bible, Testament or Prayer-Book, or a monthly religious paper, for one year, without charge, the only condition being that these be valued and preserved.

Necessity for Proper Reading.

The dull, monotonous routine, incident to peace-time, unbroken by the stirring episodes of war, which, constantly recurring, kept constantly alive the heroic element in human nature, is a condition in which soldiers need the assistance of whatever healthy ministrations may assist to keep the brain active, and the heart clear and pure, in even a greater degree than when set face to face with the stern realities of

battle. That heavy and leaden inertia which is so apt to characterize the soldier when off duty—the stagnation of his intellectual and moral forces—the indifference into which his mind, when his body is exhausted, is apt to sink, demand specifics and restoratives as much as physical faintness and weakness demand them. Moreover, there is in all men an imaginative element which can no more be safely ignored than can any other latent force in nature; and just as a starving man will, in the absence of healthy food, devour the most unwholesome matter, so the soldier when the reaction from his lethargy is upon him, will, unless met by the proffer of nutritious aliment, gratify the keen, crude hungers of his nature by devouring whatever corrupt carrion-reading falls in his way.

Perhaps no individual suffers more from languor of spirits, from a want of something to employ leisure hours, than the soldier; he has no employment save the drill and its duties, and these are of a most monotonous and uninteresting description; so much so, that you cannot increase their amount without wearying and disgusting him. He gets up at six; there is no drill before breakfast; he makes up his bed and cleans up his things; gets his breakfast at seven; turns out to drill at half-past seven or eight; his drill may last half an hour; the men are paraded for duty at ten o'clock; that finishes his day drill altogether. There is evening parade, which takes half an hour, and then his time is his own until "*tattoo*," which is at nine in winter, and ten in summer, we believe. That is the day, for a soldier not on guard, or not belonging to a company which is out for practice.

Baneful Tendency of the Current Sensational Literature.

No argument is needed to prove the baneful influence which the current sensational literature of the day exerts upon the intellect and the morals. Spiced hot with unhealthy flavors, pandering to the lowest and meanest passions, compact of recitals of whatever crime is most shocking and whatever outrage is most foul, their inevitable tendency is to degrade the understanding, to pervert the taste, to deprave the imagination, and to undermine the strength and sap the purity of life and character. Recognizing, therefore, the incalculable harm wrought by that class of literature which snatches the sceptre from the hands of conscience carries disorder into the senses, lulls to sleep the watchfulness of the mind over the body, and addresses itself to the lowest part of our nature alone; recognizing, too, the peculiar fascination which it possesses for the soldier isolated as he is from the world, and deprived of the ordinary outlets of society for affording expression and relief to his feelings and sympathies, our aim is to *supplant this evil*, and remedy this defect, by the introduction of works, pure, lofty, soul-inspiring, from the perusal of which one may arise with nobler promptings and loftier aspirations.

The modern press has enriched our literature with hundreds of works in which imagination has wreathed its splendors around the purest sentiments, the perusal of which, though they may never lead a sinner to Christ, awaken longings after the good, the pure, the true; thus cultivating the better feelings of our nature, and making the heart susceptible to higher than selfish motives.

In this connection, we appeal to the officers of the U. S. Army for their assistance. Admitting that they have no *legal* control over the character of the reading of the men, yet we argue that there exists on their part, a *moral* obligation to inquire into, and discourage the perusal of that which can only poison the mind, sully the soul and rob the individual of all truth and purity. In this matter we shall be altogether, and always on the side of the good and true. We invite the co-operation of the private soldier. His glory shall be our glory, his shame must be our shame.

Importance of the Reading-Room and Library.

It will be admitted, by every thinking mind, that nothing can be more important, or more absolutely necessary at each station where any considerable number of men are congregated, than some means of employing, profitably, the vacant hours of the soldiers. To occupy or even to amuse the great multitude, may well be regarded by the philanthropist, the statesman and the moralist, as of transcendent importance. All history teaches this lesson. The soldiers, when not employed in the drill and its duties, are at a loss to know how to employ their leisure hours. *A library and reading-room* is, therefore, a powerful means of preserving order and morality, and keeping the men from contracting ruinous habits, not to speak of the weary hours beguiled and softened by such means.

Relations of Officers to the Rank and File.

At many of our military posts the officers in command have manifested a laudable solicitude, as well in the moral and intellectual welfare of the troops, as in their official

discipline; and these instances we chronicle with especial satisfaction. So long as the soldier conducts himself with military precision, is cleanly in person and in apparel, takes proper care of his arms and accoutrements, violates no law disobeys no order and keeps himself clear of the guard-house, the character of his habits, the nature of his associations, and the drift and tendency of his thoughts should receive the most careful attention. While the lower half of the man is sedulously restrained and kept within bounds, the higher portion of his nature is too often left to shift for itself in the dark, groping its way in blindness, or running into black and hideous ruin. This apathy, however, we are constrained to say, is but the legitimate outgrowth of that lack of vital concern on the part of the country for the *morale* of the army, before alluded to, and is not attributable to *intentional* remissness. With the assurance that every effort for the welfare and general good of the enlisted men will meet with due appreciation and encouragement, there is scarcely an officer who would not at once enter upon this labor of love.

Recognizing the fact that there is a *humane* and *sympathetic side*, as well as a merely *professional side* to questions relating to the Army, and accepting as an undoubted principle that anything which tends to quicken a man's faculties, to widen his conceptions of life and nature, to increase his self-respect, and to keep his mind in healthy and vigorous play, tends also, by making him more valuable as a man, to make him more valuable *as a soldier*. All these things conduce as well to the *professional* efficiency as to the intellec

tual and moral welfare of the troops. Even upon the lowest grounds of profit and loss, it pays to take an interest in their concerns, giving them methods of useful and innocent diversion, and opportunities of spending their leisure in an agreeable and healthy way ; while upon the higher grounds of what is due to them by reason of their common humanity, no one can dispute the obligations of officers to see to it that their training includes not less thoughtful references to their wants and qualifications as thinking and feeling men, than thorough and vigorous discipline in the principles and practices of military duty and obedience. The Association pledges its co-operation in every effort to elevate the *morale* of the whole army.

Need of Christian Effort in the Army.

Obvious as is the necessity of the work which the Association seeks to accomplish, it becomes still more apparent in view of the fact that there are but thirty Post-Chaplains in the army, to the nearly three hundred military posts and stations of the country. Admitting that the thirty chaplains can care for the spiritual and minor wants of the same number of posts, who shall instruct in holy things the remaining ? They need this counsel as much as do the others. Doubtless it is, properly, as much the duty of the Government to provide for the moral and religious instruction of its defenders, as to provide for them rations, clothing and surgeons to take care of their physical health. But since the Government has not yet made this provision for all the Posts, it is all the more incumbent on the thoughtful men of society at large to substitute their own aid in the matter, so

that even if they can have no kind Christian teacher at hand to whom they can go for counsel and guidance, and to whom to make known their needs and longings, their hopes and fears, they may at least receive the help and encouragement which arise from the familiar companionship of the written thoughts, and recorded feelings of the best and wisest thinkers and teachers of the age.

As in sympathy with these remarks, we extract the following from Chaplain Woart's "Memorials of Lieut. Pyle, U. S. A.," a small 32mo tract, published by the Association, and one which every one should read. He says:

"I have been quite intimately associated with the Army during my life. I have found a large portion of officers, with whom I mingled, to be men of education and refinement of manners. I have appreciated their society highly in social life, and some of the most consistently pious men that I have known anywhere, I have met in the Army, and not only among the officers, but among the privates.

"It is a reproach to the profession to say, that a high standard of morality, or elevated religious principle, is out of place or impracticable in the army. The former, and especially the latter, serves to give dignity and character and enviable influence to a man, whatever his position may be in the service, superior to that which may be attained by any of his companions-in-arms, who may be indifferent to such restraints.

"There are temptations to disregard moral requirements and to neglect attention to religion in the Army. There are equally strong inducements of the same sort to indulge in wrong-doing in other pursuits.

"A few years ago, I was invited to advocate, with others, the claims of a society, formed in one of our Eastern cities, for the conversion of the Jews to Christianity. I said in the course of my remarks: 'If large numbers of the Jews could be made to believe in Christ, as the promised Messiah, we should have Christian missionaries from amongst that people

in all parts of the world, for the Jews travel and traffic in every nation. If their hearts were engaged in the work of distributing the Scriptures and extending the institutions of the Gospel, incalculable advantages would attend their labors.

“Now apply these remarks to an army, in any country. Neither officers nor men connected with an army, are often stationed for a long while in any one place. They are moved in every direction frequently. If a fair proportion of our army, in these United States, were interested personally, and for the public good, in the church of Christ, who could fully estimate the blessings which would attend them, in going from place to place, and in their temporary stay at different stations? There would not be an army station in the country, shut out from Scriptural instructions and religious influence.”

The Association Seeking to Save Young Men.

Quite a large proportion of the enlisted men of the regular Army is composed of young men from the rural districts, who, excited by the romantic stories and experiences of returned volunteers, moved by a vague disgust with their own prosaic surroundings, and infected with a longing for adventure, have entered the Army in utter ignorance alike of its composition, the character of the duties which it performs, and the hardships and temptations which are associated with it. Fresh from the restraints of Home, and imbued with sacred recollections, when they are thrown into a state of society where there is no religious teacher, but where, however carefully military laws may be enforced, God's laws may be trespassed upon and violated, is it any wonder that, in the absence of the restraints of domestic example, and under the demoralizing influences of such surroundings, they gradually lose their tone of honorable and

virtuous feeling, and become themselves as thoughtless and reckless as the most hardened? For the preservation of the purity, and the prevention of the downfall of such, the Association has labored not in vain. Many testimonials have reached us of the lasting beneficial results which have arisen to such young men, and to others, from the labors of the Association; and since its officers believe that the soldiers of our free Republic are a national trust, for the very humblest and meanest of whom we are bound to care; and since the field is vast and white for the harvest, we appeal, in the name of honor and gratitude, and in the name of Him who declared, not only that we should love our neighbor, but that every man is our neighbor, for such encouragement and assistance from all right-minded and Christian-hearted men, as shall enable us to extend its operations and multiply its agencies in a degree commensurate with the worth and nobleness of the objects and purposes we have in view.

Temperance in the Army.

It is a matter of great interest and encouragement, and one fraught with much promise, that at some of our Military Posts, the soldiers, alive to the evils of intemperance in their profession, have organized themselves into "Lodges" of "Good Templars," "Bands of Hope," &c. This voluntary action on the part of the enlisted men engaged therein, is every way creditable to them, and explodes the old idea many persons still cling to, that troops in the *regular army* will do nothing for themselves, and that, therefore, nothing should be done for them. We hail this temperance movement of the soldiers, and pledge them our

cordial sympathy and earnest support in anything that is practicable.

There is no vice so destructive to society, and to the human race, as intemperance. An officer, after over three years experience on the Plains, writes us, that, in his opinion, intemperance destroys more men there, than the Indians do. Soldiers, beware of this seducer; if you follow in its track it will inevitably bring you to despair, and to an untimely death. It was not by slumbering in detested inebriety that WASHINGTON gained to himself a name on the page of history, which will flourish when all that belongs to hereditary distinction shall wither away and be forgotten.

The Association Commended at the Convention of U. S. Army Chaplains.

At the Convention of United States Army Chaplains, held at Fort D. A. Russell, Dakota Territory, for the purpose of considering the moral and religious interests of the army, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and ordered to be sent to the Association:

Resolved, That the objects embraced within the plans of the Military Post Library Association in the City of New-York, for the supplying of the troops of the army with reading, such as books, magazines and periodicals to the several military posts, meets with our entire approval; and we commend the Association to the hearty support of benevolent persons as the only institution now existing from which gratuitous supplies can be had for literary and religious reading for the army; and further,

Resolved, That we hereby, in behalf of the army, tender our thanks to the Military Post Library Association for the liberal supplies of secular and religious literature, and of their own publications already received at the several posts in the United States; and we express the hope that the Association will be enabled to continue and increase these much needed contributions.

Armies of the World.

At the present day the standing armies of the world are larger than they have been since the great wars of the first Napoleon. The army of the United States now numbers 30,000 men in all. For the extent of our territory this is the smallest army in the world; and we have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the fact. The army of France, prior to the opening of the war, had been fixed at 750,000 men in the "active army," and 550,000 in the "passive," the latter being called the National Garde Mobile. Total, 1,300,000 men available for war. A contingency of 100,000 men was annually available to recruit the army. The British army numbers about 200,000 men. The bulk of this army is at home, Ireland absorbing about 25,000 good troops. Of the colonies or foreign possessions, India takes the largest body of troops; The Dominion of Canada next, Australia next. The Prussian army, before the present Franco-Prussian war, numbered about 600,000 men. The Italian army now numbers 215,000 men, and is a very effective one. In one of its arms, the Bersaglieri, it excels even the French army, whose Zouaves were supposed to be the first light infantry in the world. The Austrian army numbers about 700,000 men; its cavalry is said to be very fine. The Government breeds its own horses, and thus secures good mounts. The Russian army numbers 800,000 men; it could be quickly increased to 1,200,000 in time of war. It is spread all over the empire, from the Baltic to the Caucasus. The Spanish army is small, not exceeding 80,000 men; but it is very well clothed and disciplined. It is also receiving breech-loaders. The number of men maintained

in the standing armies of civilized nations is not less than 3,000,000. What a military host is here open to philanthropic and Christian effort !

32 Mo. Publications of the Association.

During the year, the Association prepared and circulated at most of the Posts and Stations of the Army, a very considerable number of the following Tracts and Essays. They are somewhat unique and interesting in their way, and have been very generally called for and perused. Several of the Historical Societies and Public Libraries have written for them, with many expressions of approval of their contents and appearance. Our Publications are twenty-five in number, as follows :

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| No. 1. THE WAR WHICH KNOWS NO EXEMPTS, AND
GIVES NO QUARTER. By William R. Williams. | 24 pages. |
| " 2. GEORGE WASHINGTON; THE SOLDIER. | 60 pages. |
| " 3. AN EVENING WITH THE CHAPLAIN, | 46 pages. |
| " 4. THE ROLL CALL; or, HOW WILL YOU ANSWER IT. | 16 pages. |
| " 5. THE CAPTAIN AND HIS ORDERLY, | 58 pages. |
| " 6. WILL YOU ENLIST? or, THE SOLDIER OUT OF
UNIFORM, | 16 pages. |
| " 7. MEMORIALS OF LIEUT. GEORGE W. PYLE, late
3d U. S. Cavalry, | 16 pages. |
| " 8. THE SOLDIER'S POCKET BIBLE, | 28 pages. |
| " 9. THE PASSWORD, | 44 pages. |
| " 10. THE SOLDIER OUT ON PICKET, | |
| " 11. THRILLING NARRATIVE OF AN ENGLISH SOLD-
IER, | 16 pages. |
| " 12. MILITARY SONGS, By John B. Ketchum, Sec., | 72 pages. |
| " 13. SACRED SONGS, " " " " " " | 72 pages. |
| " 14. THE BRAVE AND HAPPY SOLDIER, | 16 pages. |
| " 15. SOLDIER'S MANUAL OF HEALTH, | 16 pages. |

No 16. THE MUSTER-ROLL,	20 pages.
" 17. NAPOLEON'S ARGUMENT,	20 pages.
" 18. MORAL GEMS,	20 pages.
" 19. SOLDIER'S KNAPSACK,	44 pages.
" 20. THE FOUR SOLDIERS,	16 pages.
" 21. "THERE'S A LETTER FOR YOU,"	20 pages.
" 22. DECISIVE BATTLES,	16 pages.
" 23. "MEN WANTED," a Tract,	4 pages.
" 24. TEMPERANCE IN THE ARMY,	16 pages.
" 25. DR. BENJAMIN RUSH'S HINTS ON THE CARE OF TROOPS, - - - - -	28 pages.

A copy of any, or all of these may be had *free*, by any one, on application to the Secretary of the Society.

Periodicals Circulated.

The following is a list of the Periodicals which have been circulated during the year, viz :

HARPER'S WEEKLY.
 HARPER'S MAGAZINE.
 HEARTH AND HOME.
 EVERY SATURDAY.
 ATLANTIC MONTHLY.
 FRANK LESLIE'S ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER.
 BALLOU'S MONTHLY.
 AMERICAN MISCELLANY.
 BOSTON TRUE FLAG.
 BOSTON AMERICAN UNION.
 HALL'S JOURNAL OF HEALTH.
 APPLETON'S JOURNAL.
 LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE.
 THE LITERARY WORLD.
 PUNCHINELLO.
 NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY AND WEEKLY TIMES.
 NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY AND WEEKLY TRIBUNE.
 NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY AND WEEKLY HERALD.

WESTERN SOLDIER'S FRIEND.
THE EVENING POST.
MOORE'S RURAL NEW-YORKER.
HOURS AT HOME.
SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY.
TEMPERANCE JOURNAL.
TEMPERANCE FOUNTAIN.
THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL.
NEW-YORK OBSERVER.
THE EVANGELIST.
THE METHODIST.
THE EPISCOPALIAN.
CHRISTIAN AT WORK.
THE WITNESS.
BOSTON CHRISTIAN BANNER.
AMERICAN MESSENGER.
GOOD WORDS.
GOOD CHEER.
PARISH VISITOR.
THE SABBATH AT HOME.
THE PRESBYTERIAN.
WATCHMAN AND REFLECTOR.
THE RELIGIOUS TELESCOPE.
EXAMINER AND CHRONICLE.
PUBLICATIONS OF THE DUBLIN TRACT SOCIETY.
PUBLICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.
PUBLICATIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL KNOWLEDGE
SOCIETY.
PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

Army Correspondence.

During the year the correspondence of the Association has been faithfully carried on. Chaplains and officers stationed in the far West have been communicated with,

and aided in all projects for the welfare of the troops under their care. About six hundred letters have been written, and a similar number received. Officers and soldiers have had our services freely, and many anxious steps have been taken, and acts of mercy performed, of which no mention can be made. If these have benefitted any one we have no regrets. If our pen has contributed, in any degree, to cheer the lone hours of any officer or soldier, we are content. As heretofore, correspondence in all that may relate to the moral and intellectual wants of the army is earnestly solicited. Officers and chaplains are invited to associate themselves with the Society in these humane labors.

General Results.

During the year, as will be seen by the tabular statements, some sixty thousand copies of standard periodicals have been sent to the army, over fifteen thousand copies of the 32mo. publications of the Association distributed, and a considerable number of Posts aided in opening Reading Rooms and Libraries. In addition to these, we have distributed a large quantity of the tracts of the "Dublin Tract Society," and kindred institutions. In this way we have been reaching, during the year, not less than seventy-five thousand individuals, families and children. Officers inform us that our papers, magazines and tracts after they are read by the soldiers, find their way all over the territories of that region. Hence, we are not without encouragement; and although we cannot gather up the *fruits* of all our labors, as we could desire, we are content to rest upon the promise of God himself—His Word shall not return unto Him void.

Letters continue to be received speaking of the great need

of this "Agency" in the Army, and of the good which may be done to the intellects and hearts of the enlisted men. Many officers have addressed us, asking aid from the Association, but, up to this time, we have not been able, on account of a lack of funds, to comply with all of these requests. Prior to the late war, many of the Posts and companies of the army had valuable Libraries belonging to them—the accumulation of many years—but *during* that time these books were either lost or worn out.

Recently, in view of the great dearth of Libraries among the Posts, companies and regiments, we procured from each of the important publishers, in this City, Boston and Philadelphia, an aggregate of ten thousand (10,000) copies of their catalogues, and have forwarded them to every military station in the United States, with circulars giving information in regard to the organization of the Association, and offering aid in every effort to establish Libraries. It is hoped that by this means, many officers will, with the co-operation of the Association, move in the important matter of procuring reading for their men.

Indirect Results.

Many indirect benefits have resulted from the labors of the Society during the year. At some of the Posts and Stations of the Army, the Soldiers have been stimulated into forming "Reading Clubs," "Literary Associations," and "Debating Societies," and others are now forming. Many officers have addressed us, asking for information in regard to the Association, and inviting its co-operation in their plans for the recreation and entertainment of the Soldiers under their command.

The efforts of such officers for the amelioration of the hardships and deprivations incident to the life of a soldier, cannot fail of their good results, in the increase of discipline and intelligence throughout the service.

Financial Exhibit.

The uncertainties of the year just closed have seriously effected most of our benevolent institutions. To an organization contemplating increased usefulness, and demanding corresponding means, such a state of things has been somewhat embarrassing. Our receipts, however, have been quite liberal; and all have aided us to an extent beyond what might have been expected, and we have the earnest of even greater things during the coming year. As our sole object is the highest good, mental and moral, of the interesting class of men among whom we labor, we must rejoice in any precursor of future success in our financial operations.

We have endeavored to adhere to the principle, to keep within our means, to have no debts, and to make the most judicious use of money intrusted to our hands. Our receipts are not absorbed to any extent by *society machinery*, and our object will always be, to make such an economical use of funds as shall merit the confidence of a generous community. We beg to return thanks to the Public for the confidence reposed in us, and to the *Press* of this City and elsewhere for complimentary notices. The continued sympathy and aid of all the donors and friends of the Society is invoked.

The work of the Committee having been before the public a period sufficiently long to place the enterprise beyond a

mere experiment, it is desired to enter upon the new year with increased zeal and confidence.

It would be most gratifying to the undersigned, in this connection, to refer, in detail, to the many kindnesses of those who have aided the Association in its labors, and to the benevolence and patriotism of the various companies and individuals who have so constantly and generously sustained these endeavors for the welfare of the soldier, were it possible to do so without extending this address beyond the limits of all prudence. The omission cannot be misunderstood or regretted by any one more than by the undersigned.

Special Acknowledgment.

We are under very great obligations to the American Bible Society, and the American Tract Societies of New-York and Boston, for co-operation in the labors of the Society, and also to the Evangelical Knowledge Society, of this City, for many favors. These institutions have made us very liberal *grants* of their publications, and these, in turn, have been judiciously given to the various sections of the Army. Acknowledgment is also due to the leading Publishers of this City, Boston and Philadelphia, for contributions of Miscellaneous books and literature; to Messrs. G. & C. Merriam, of Springfield, Mass., for a fine copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary for the rooms of the Association; to the "Jones' Estate" of this City for liberal deduction on account of office rents, and to Thomas Powers, Esq., of Philadelphia, for large donation of tracts of the Dublin Tract Society.

New-York Harbor.

The removal in 1867, of all the Chaplains from the Harbor of New-York, left the troops utterly destitute of religious

teachers and their instructions. In view of such removals and loss, the Association has regularly sent, to all the stations, a considerable and sufficient supply of Christian literature, tracts, &c., for Sabbath reading. All of our Harbor Posts are yet without Chaplains, and until the reappointment of suitable persons, the Society will continue the same moral efforts in the Harbor.

Agents of the Association.

By direction of the Committee on Finance, three persons will be designated as Agents of the Association, with full authority to solicit and receive donations and subscriptions, and to represent the society throughout the United States. Of these, the Rev. Robert Day, late Hospital Chaplain, U. S. A., has already received this authority, having been associated with the Society for the past year, and labored at great personal sacrifice, and with much acceptance and zeal in its behalf. Other responsible individuals will hereafter be named.

ASSETS.

The following is an account of the property at the rooms of the Association :

Value of Books and Material on hand.....	\$1,000 00
Value of Fixtures and Office Furniture.....	200 00
Value of Stereotype Plates.....	650 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,850 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. KETCHUM, Cor. Sec., &c.

January, 1871.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—1870.

THE MILITARY POST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION in account with W. PITT PALMER, Treasurer.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
By Cash paid for miscellaneous Books	\$4,098 25	To Collections, Subscriptions and
" " paid for <i>religious</i> Papers and	2,349 26	Donations, 1870..... \$10,121 35
" " Publications.....	1,334 40	
" " paid for <i>secular</i> Periodicals,	2,119 54	
and Reading.....	219 87	
" " paid for Salaries, Correspond-		
ence and Incidentals.....		
By Balance to new account.....	\$10,121 35	

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1871.

Audited and found correct,

WILLIAM K. LOTHROP, } *Auditing Committee.*
JAMES C. HOLDEN, }

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR 1870.

Adams, Coe.....	\$10 00	Butler, E. H. & Co.,	
Adams, H. W.....	35 00	Philadelphia	\$25 00
Adee, George T.....	10 00	Butler, Charles	5 00
Alsop, J. P. W.....	10 00	Burkhalter, C.....	5 00
Am. Tract Society, N.Y.	30 00		
American Union	5 00	Cary, W. F.	20 00
Anthony, T.....	5 00	Cash	27
Appleton, D. & Co.....	100 00	Cash	50
Archer, George B... ..	10 00	Cash	50
Archer & Pancoast Mfg.		Cash (Christmas)	1 00
Company.....	10 00	Caswell, Hazard & Co...	5 00
Arms, Dr. C. G., U.S.A..	10 00	Chandler, Nathan	35 00
Astor, William.....	25 00	Childs, George W., Phi-	
Aspinwall, William H..	150 00	ladelphia	100 00
Aspinwall, Gen. Lloyd.	25 00	"Christian at Work" ..	20 00
Auchmuty, Mrs.....	10 00	Clinton Avenue Cong.	
		Church	89 79
Badger, D. D., Prest ...	10 00	Collins, George C.....	20 00
Baker, Mrs. Dwight,		Congreve, Charles G... ..	10 00
Seranton, Pa.....	25 00	Conner, W. C.....	5 00
Baird, H. C., Philadel'a.	50 00	Cooke, Jay, Philadelp'a	25 00
Ball, Black & Co.....	10 00	Cook, L.....	1 00
Barron, Thomas.....	25 00	C., P. C.....	5 00
Barnard, S. W.....	10 00	Corning, H. K.	45 00
Bates, L. M.....	10 00	Crocker, S. R.....	15 00
Beebe, Charles E.....	25 00	Cruikshank, E. A.....	5 00
B., J. W.....	5 00		
Benedict, E. C.....	10 00	Dabney, C. H.....	25 00
Bennet, Josiah S.....	10 00	Delano, F. H.	5 00
B., H. & L.	5 00	Dodge, W. E., Jr.....	25 00
Blake, Stanton.....	5 00	Dodge, Hon. William E.	100 00
Bliss, Theodore & Co.,		Drexel, Winthrop & Co.	25 00
Philadelphia	50 00	Dwight, Amos T.....	10 00
Boston True Flag.....	20 00	Dwight, James.....	5 00
Boston Tract Society...	982 50	Donation (P. & A.)....	100 00
Bowen, R. H.....	10 00		
Boynton, John H.....	5 00	Edwards, Walter.....	10 00
Brown Bros. & Co.....	25 00	Ely, A. K.....	10 00
Brown, L. B.....	10 00	Elsworth, Henry	10 00
Brick, R. A.....	10 00	Evangelical Knowledge	
Bryson, Peter M.	20 00	Society	50 00

Faile, Thomas H.	\$20 00	Hulbert Bros.	\$3 00
Fellows, J. P.	10 00	Humphrey, Solon	20 00
Fellows, Charles H.	10 00	Hutton, Benj. H.	10 00
Fifth Avenue Hotel.	20 00	H. W. G.	5 00
Fisk & Hatch.	100 00	Isham, C. H.	25 00
Fisher, Nathaniel.	5 00	I., A.	5 00
Fitch, John	5 00	Jackson, Dr. James C.	12 00
Field, Rev. H. M.	19 50	Jay, Miss E. Clarkson.	50 00
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Frazer, G. S.	10 00	Jesup, Morris K.	150 00
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Graves, R. R. & Co.	10 00	Jones, J. D.	10 00
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Goddard & Bro.	10 00	Jones, Geo., N. Y. Times	50 00
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Gilman, W. S.	20 00	K., D. A.	5 00
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Goodridge, C. M.	10 00	Lane, Josiah	10 00
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Goodhue, C. C. (special.)	10 00	Co.	5 00
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G. A.	5 00	Lawrence, H. & Sons.	10 00
Gookin, W. D. (special.)	5 00	Lea, Henry C., Phila.	25 00
Grosvenor, Mrs. M. A.	10 00	Lee, T. C.	5 00
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Halsted, J. M.	10 00	Le Roy, Daniel.	5 00
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Harper & Bros.	100 00	Livingston, R. J.	10 00
Harding, Wm. W., Phila.	25 00	Livingston, R. E.	5 00
Hardt & Co.	5 00	Lord, Thomas	25 00
Hoadley, D.	5 00	Low, Harriman & Co.	10 00
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Hoe, Col. R. M.	25 00	Luqueer, R. S.	5 00
Hoffman, Samuel V.	10 00	Lyford, Col. S. C., U.S.A.	10 00
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Hopkins, Lucius.	20 00	U. S. A.	5 00
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McDonald, A. B.....	10 00	Potter, Howard.....	25 00
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		Richards, Guy.....	20 00
Nesmith & Sons.....	5 00	Richards, E. C.....	5 00
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Slade, F. H.	5 00	Union White Lead Mfg.	
Sharpe, Gen. George H..	10 00	Co.	10 00
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Sprague, Mrs. John H..	10 00	Vernam & Hoy	15 00
Stamford Manuf'g Co..	20 00	Vyse, Thomas A., Jr...	10 00
Steward, John	25 00	Waller, John R.	5 00
Stewart, David	25 00	Walker, William	5 00
Stoughton, E. W.	10 00	Welch, William, Phila.	25 00
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Storm, Thomas	10 00	Friend,"	25 00
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Sturges, Jonathan	10 00	Wheelock, W. A.	5 00
Sturges, Jonathan, (Spe		Wheeler & Wilson M'fg	
cial)	10 00	Co.	20 00
Sturges & Co.	10 00	White, Eli.	20 00
Singer Manuf'g Co....	20 00	Wickes, William W...	25 00
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Swazey, Col. Edward,		Wilcox & Gibbs S.M. Co.	10 00
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Thomson, David	10 00		
Thompson, Samuel C..	10 00		
Thorne, Jona., Jr.	5 00		
Thomson, Mason	5 00		

RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS
OF
SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS READING
TO
U. S. MILITARY POSTS.
For the Year 1870.

NAME OF POST.	<i>3mo. Publications.</i>	<i>Religious Periodicals.</i>	<i>Secular Periodicals.</i>
Wadsworth, Fort, N. Y. Harbor.....	150	625	195
Willet's Point, "	300	375	90
Governor's Island, "	400	350	125
Wood, Fort, "	100	240	75
Schuyler, Fort, "	450	475	132
David's Island, "	50	110	30
Scott, Fort, Kansas.....	100	505	191
Clark, " Texas.....	250	595	459
Macon, " North Carolina	50	225	75
Snelling, Fort, Minnesota.	200	672	118
Mackinae, " Michigan.	200	577	110
Sully, " Dakota Ter.....	200	622	69
Warren, " Boston Harbor, Mass	200	....	....
Leavenworth, Fort, Kansas	200	....	....
Bascom, " New Mexico.....	200	657	145
Abercrombie, " Dakota Ter.....	500	760	136
Stevenson, " Dakota Ter.....	200	422	267
Sanders, " Wyoming Ter.....	275	632	182
D. A. Russell, " Dakota Ter.	375	1,307	88

NAME OF POST.		32mo. Publications.	Religious Periodicals.	Secular Periodicals.
Sedgwick,	Fort, Colorado	200	407	99
Wallace,	" Kansas	200	497	167
Laramie,	" Dakota Ter.....	305	832	117
Sill,	" Indian Ter.....	200	547	118
McHenry,	" Maryland.	25	225	56
Larned,	" Kansas	30	252	106
Charleston, S. C.....		....	50	30
Davis, Fort, Texas.....		....	182	56
Richardson, Fort, Texas.....		50	232	88
McRae,	" New Mexico.....	200	422	189
San Juan Island, Camp, Washington Ter..		200	605	268
Douglass, Camp, Utah.....		275	509	183
Garland, Fort, Colorado.....		275	682	220
Little Rock, Arkansas		25	133	19
Shreveport, La.....		20	90	77
Cape Disappointment, Fort, Washington Ter.		200	547	170
Bayard, Fort, New Mexico.....		200	547	173
Cummings, Fort, New Mexico		200	447	217
Harker,	" Kansas	200	497	214
Lebanon, Kentucky		125	472	64
Newark Hospital, New Jersey.....		100	....	....
Blackwell's Island, N. Y. Harbor.....		100	....	....
Navy Yard, Brooklyn		100	....	....
Fetterman, Fort, Wyoming Ter.		50	125	50
Dodge,	" Kansas .....	....	340	90
Sumter, Fort, South Carolina.....		25	125	40
Sidney Station, Nebraska.....		25	225	82
Bridger, Fort, Wyoming Ter.....		200	497	124
Medicine Bow, Wyoming Ter.....		200	497	139
Portland, Oregon.....		25	25	50

<i>NAME OF POST.</i>	<i>32mo. Publications.</i>	<i>Religious Periodicals.</i>	<i>Secular Periodicals.</i>
Brady, Fort, Michigan.....	200	557	113
Ripley, " Minnesota.....	200	537	129
Kearney, " Nebraska.....	250	587	191
Fred Steele, Fort, Wyoming Ter.....	275	989	231
McPherson, " Nebraska	275	712	148
Soldiers' Home, Augusta, Me.....	200	132	50
Cheyenne & Arraphoe Agency, Indian Ter..	250	467	174
Boise, Fort, Idaho Ter.....	200	357	180
Van Couver, Fort, Washington Ter.....	200	725	244
Selden, " New Mexico.....	200	754	251
Reynolds, " Colorado.	200	650	208
Colville, " Washington Ter.....	200	432	238
Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois. ....	....	134	100
Pulaski, Fort, Georgia	200	513	277
Wadsworth, Fort, Dakota Ter.....	200	757	189
Hays, Fort, Kansas.....	200	1,112	169
McDowell, Camp, Arizona Ter	200	653	351
Aleatraz, Fort, San Francisco Bay, California	100	182	9
Randall, " Dakota Ter.....	150	140	84
Shaw, " Montana Ter.....	200	250	50
Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania	275	261	158
Stevens, Fort, Oregon.....	200	560	187
Oglethorpe Barracks, Georgia.....	50	50	25
North Platte Station, Nebraska.....	200	583	278
New Wingate, Fort, New Mexico.....	200	527	170
Rice, " Dakota Ter.....	200	482	145
Wayne, " Detroit, Mich.....	275	612	257
Union, " New Mexico.....	300	507	178
Klamath, " Oregon.....	200	472	191
Santa Fe, New Mexico.....	....	100	25

<i>NAME OF POST.</i>	<i>3mo. Publications.</i>	<i>Religious. Periodicals.</i>	<i>Secular Periodicals.</i>
Grenada, Miss. ....	....	75	30
Ringgold Barracks, Texas.....	....	40	21
Ontario, Fort, New-York State. ....	..	30	20
Hualpai, Camp, Arizona Ter.....	....	30	20
Stockton, Fort, Texas.....	....	30	20
Key West Barracks, Florida.....	....	30	20
Raleigh, N. C	50	105	52
Benecia Barracks, California.....	30	92	54
Thomas Barracks, Alabama.....	30	90	52
Warner, Camp, Oregon.....	50	400	56
Craig, Fort, New Mexico.....	....	20	30
Date Creek, Camp, Arizona Ter.....	25	40	34
Winfield Scott, Camp, Nevada.....	25	26	31
Riley, Fort, Kansas.....	25	40	32
Caswell, Fort, North Carolina.....	....	21	30
Quitman, " Texas .....	....	100	53
Lapwai, " Idaho Ter.....	50	182	6
Colorado, Camp, Arizona Ter.....	....	140	54
Halleck, Camp, Nevada .....	....	140	38
Jackson Barracks, Louisiana.....	50	30	15
Augusta, Ga.....	50	30	108
Atlanta, Ga.....	30	20	58
Concho, Fort, Texas.....	150	322	210
Whipple, " Arizona Ter.....	30	20	30
Pike, " Louisiana.....	30	82	61
Barrancas, " Florida. ..	50	70	55
Stambaugh, Camp, Wyoming Ter.....	30	90	173
Gaston, Camp, California.....	....	55	26
McKavett, Fort, Texas.....	30	90	26
Chattanooga, Tenn.....	....	60	40

<i>NAME OF POST.</i>	<i>32mo. Publications.</i>	<i>Religious Periodicals.</i>	<i>Secular Periodicals.</i>
Mojave, Camp, Arizona Ter.....	...	81	83
Gibson, Fort, Indian Ter.....	30	125	60
McDermitt, Camp, Arizona Ter. ....	....	40	30
Gratiot, Fort, Michigan.....	50	107	111
San Antonio, Texas.....	....	40	39
Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.....	...	30	21
Benton, Fort, Montana Ter.....	....	30	21
Total	15,794	48,108	12,558

NOTE.

The foregoing includes *less than one-half* of all the Military Posts in the United States. The means placed at the disposal of the Association thus far, have been utterly inadequate for the work in hand.

The Society is constantly in receipt of urgent appeals for matter. To most of these it is unable to respond. Appeal is therefore made for liberal contributions. We need about \$25,000 *immediately*.

RECORD OF POSTS

AIDED IN

PROCURING BOOKS AND LIBRARIES

During the Year 1870.

Wadsworth, Fort.....	Dakota Ter.
Totten, “	“
Clark, “	Texas.
Reynolds “	Colorado.
Hays, “	Kansas.
Shaw, “	Montana.
Craig, “	New Mexico.
Schuyler, “	N. Y. Harbor.
Lapwai, “	Idaho Ter.
Bridger, “	Wyoming.
Ripley, “	Minnesota.
Boise, “	Idaho Ter.
Davis, “	Texas.
Richardson, “	“
Kearney, “	Nebraska.
Concho, “	Texas.
Selden, “	New Mexico.
Cheyenne and Arraphoe Agency	Indian Ter.
Charleston	South Carolina.
Warner, Camp	Oregon Ter.
San Juan Island Camp.....	Washington Ter.
Douglass, “	Utah Ter.
Hualpai, “	Arizona Ter.
Gaston, “	California Ter.
Mojave, “	Arizona Ter.
Ringgold Barracks.....	Texas.
Thomas' “	Alabama.

An aggregate of over 3,000 volumes.

SUPPLEMENT.

Acknowledgements from the Army.

About six hundred letters of acknowledgements have been received from the officers of the Army on the plains, during the year. The following extracts from a few of these, will suffice to illustrate the estimation in which the Association is held by the Army.

"Your free-will offerings are gratefully received, and I will esteem it a *privilege* to aid you in your disinterested labors."

Col. S. B. HAYMAN.

"Company F. (13th Inf.,) has organized a Lodge of Good Templars, and their Lodge Room is used as a Reading Room. Company G has organized a Literary and Debating Society. The papers you send are promptly turned over to these two organizations, and are doing a great deal of good. Please do not discontinue your services in this respect."

Lieut. G. M. BASCOM.

"This morning's mail brought me three packages of magazines and papers, which have been distributed in the Hospital, and the duplicate copies given to the soldiers generally."

Surgeon S. G. COWDREY.

"Packages of reading matter have been received quite regularly and afford great amusement and instruction to the garrison."

Capt. F. VAN VLIET.

"Were it not for your kind remittances, some of the religious journals would never be seen by the many in our garrisons."

Col. H. A. MORROW.

"Your periodicals and papers have always been welcomed, and appreciated."

Capt. FRANKLIN M. COXE.

"The soldiers of our frontier posts, many of whom will return to the ordinary pursuits of life, will either become a blessing or a curse to these frontier settlements. I find many of the men willing to receive christian instruction and grateful for it. I need books, periodicals, and all kinds of christian literature. These will bear more fruit here, than among any other class of men ; military punishments will be less frequent, and attendance upon Chapel services more constant. I may take occasion to add, that it has been my earnest endeavor to carry the influence of civilization among these Indians. They have promised to come to my Chapel and receive religious instruction."

Chaplain C. M. HEQUEMBOURG.

"We are under many obligations for the fifty volumes of books, and the packages of periodicals given to furnish our new Library."

Lieut. GEO. D. RAMSAY, Jr.

"Papers and periodicals of a religious character have been received regularly, for which we are much indebted to your thoughtfulness. I enclose a trifle to aid the Association, which please accept."

Gen. GEORGE SYKES.

"The contributions of your society are most highly esteemed and appreciated. I fully concur in the opinion expressed by many of your correspondents, that no class of men receive less attention to their moral culture than our soldiers ; and yet there is no class of men who appreciate it more highly."

Lieut. MERRITT BARBER.

I bring before the attention of the men, every Sunday, some one of your interesting military narratives, reading selections myself. Much is due to you for the prosperity in our Sabbath School. The people must become convinced that the flag on this hill is an emblem of christian civilization, as well as liberty.

It is a great encouragement to the soldiers in well-doing, to know that they are still remembered, and that this work of christian philanthropy is upheld by names so near and dear to them all."

Chaplain D. EGLINTON BARR.

"The various packages of interesting reading matter which have reached us at different times, have been distributed among officers and men at the Post, and have proved very acceptable, and will be especially so, during the long nights of the coming winter.

Gen. JOHN GIBBON.

"Any reading matter you may send will be carefully distributed to the men of my command, and will certainly be gratefully received."

Capt. C. C. C. CARR.

"I take great pleasure in tendering you my thanks for the large package of books and papers just received, for the use of this command. Our opportunities for procuring good reading are very limited.

Gen. W. H. EMORY.

"I appreciate the object and aim of your Association, and I am sure all officers and soldiers serving at frontier posts will not fail to respect it. I am well convinced that the enlisted men of the army would improve in every respect under all proper methods adopted for their welfare, especially by the free distribution among them, of good and entertaining reading."

Gen. JOHN I. GREGG.

"The soldier's mental and moral needs have not, heretofore, been much noticed outside of the army; and it seems to me that your Association is exactly adapted to supply this want, and to do great good, and deserves the sincere thanks of the whole army."

Capt. D. W. FLAGLER.

"Under God I believe your Association is doing an immense amount of good. The soldier's moral and spiritual concerns have been too long neglected. A better day seems to be dawning."

Chaplain G. COLLINS.

"I should be very glad to receive any donations of material for my 'Company Library.' My men have had no reading matter whatever, lately, except such as I have supplied them from my private purse. As soon as my quarters are finished, I propose organizing my men into a Reading and Debating Club, and will be thankful for your assistance."

Capt. F. E. TROTTER.

"Various packages of reading matter, forwarded by your society, have been received and distributed, the appreciation of which has been evinced by the eagerness with which they have been sought for and read."

Capt. J. G. TURNBULL.

"There is a Reading Club in my company, composed of the men of the command who have associated themselves together for purposes of self-improvement. They hold weekly meetings, elect their own officers, and transact among themselves the business of the society. I have been in command here nearly two years, during which time we have not been visited by any Protestant clergyman, and but once by a Roman Catholic one."

Capt. EDWIN POLLOCK.

"The many packages of valuable reading matter donated, and sent by you to this military post, have been most thankfully received, and read by many of the soldiers with great interest.

"We are now agitating the temperance movement with good prospects. Any matter on that subject would be read with avidity. We have an organization of 'Good Templars' here, in good working order. Intemperance is a bane to the army."

Chaplain Z. RAGAN.

"Permit me to thank you for your kindness in sending books and papers for the use of my men. They are highly appreciated both by myself and the company."

Capt. JAS. A. SNYDER.

"The officers, ladies and enlisted men of the garrison are all very much pleased with the books we procured through your Association, and desire to return thanks for your attention to their commission, and for the valuable donation of Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, &c., &c."

Capt. J. T. HASKELL.

"I shall at all times use my utmost endeavors to further the interests of your honorable and creditable Institution. It has, and is, doing us much good. Of your last donation of books and papers, every man in my company got something to read."

Col. H. B. BRISTOL.

"I have the honor to acknowledge the reception of four (4) large packages of reading matter, which I shall begin to-morrow to distribute to the garrison.

"Gen. Buchanan is constructing a neat church-like chapel here, to leave as a memorial of his command. He has never once been absent from chapel services whilst at the Post."

Chaplain CHAUNCEY W. FITCH, D. D.

"Getting some of your little books, I see you have one called 'WASHINGTON THE SOLDIER'—the beloved man who gained the name of Father of our common country. I would be pleased to have a number of them. Please confer this great favor on a disabled veteran soldier."

Private JOHN HANEY,
In N. J. Soldiers' Home.

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the one hundred copies of your 32 mo. publications. One copy has been given to each soldier, and they have been generally read.

"Much good must result to the soldiers from the interest your Association is taking in their welfare."

Col. S. McCONIHE.

"The men of Col. J. B. Sinclair's Company, (H., 23d Infantry,) stationed at Fort Boise, Idaho Territory, take pleasure in tendering you their thanks for the judicious selection of the books forming the library of the above company.

"The readers of History, Poetry, Biography, Travels and Voyages can find a rich assortment. Those among us who are scientifically disposed can also be suited; while in the department of Fiction the works of standard authors have been chosen. Your efforts have the approval of all our officers."

1st Sergt. JULIUS JEUSEU.

"I have the honor to inform you that the members of Co. H., 11th Infantry, have organized a 'Literary Association,' under the name of 'The McMillan Literary Club,' and desire to take advantage of the benefits of your Association in procuring a Library and reading. Please inform us what assistance you can give. Packages of reading matter have already been received at the Post by some of the companies."

Sergt. C. B. BRENTANO, Cor. Sec.

"As fresh reading matter is always most acceptable and difficult to procure here, I will feel very grateful for any contributions you may be pleased to extend to this command."

Capt. R. F. O'BEIRNE.

"Packages of secular and religious newspapers have been received from you from time to time, which I have carefully distributed to the sick in hospital and to the men in quarters.

Surg'n A. J. COMFORT.

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of several packages of reading matter, and to heartily thank you for the same.

More of the same character would be very acceptable to the men of my command, as well as to the officers."

Capt. H. C. CORBIN.

"The various packages of reading-matter which the Association has kindly sent us have all been received and properly distributed by myself; and I assure you that they were generally read and thoroughly appreciated.

"The small 32mo. publications, 'Washington,' 'Roll-call,' 'Out on Picket,' 'Soldiers' Pocket Bible,' &c., &c., were very acceptable, and highly prized by the enlisted men. I have not had a man tried by court-martial for over a year and a half; but one case of desertion, and little or no drunkenness; and I attribute the good conduct of the men to the fact that they have always had a good, comfortable reading room, very well supplied with reading matter, largely furnished through your Association.

Capt. LESLIE SMITH.

"The garrison is about two hundred strong, and stands greatly in need of entertaining reading matter of a moral and intellectual character."

Lieut. F. K. WARD.

"Please accept thanks for the donation of periodicals and papers received a few days ago. No officer familiar with the wants of the Post could have made a better selection."

Maj. JOSEPH STEWART.

"If we could have such Hymn and Tune books as we had in the Volunteer Army, sold for a dime each, we should feel much encouraged; also, some Temperance Hymn Books and Tracts. All the aid you can give us in the way of books and periodicals will be greatly appreciated, and I will use my best judgment in their distribution."

Chaplain M. J. KELLY.

"I write again to say that, in behalf of the officers and enlisted men of the Post, we rejoice that the 'Military Post Library Association' has been formed. It will greatly aid the troops on the frontier in procuring the necessary reading matter.

Lieut. J. F. LEWIS.

"We have a Reading Room where all the Newspapers, &c., are collected together for the use of the men, and with a decided improvement in the order and sobriety of the garrison. There has also been started a Lodge of Good Templars, which also has an excellent effect."

Maj. R. S. La MOTTE.

"The garrison consists of about 300 enlisted men, many of whom have learned to read since they have been in the service, and all are anxious to improve. Anything you may be able to send them will be fully appreciated. We have no Chaplain, and as we are nearly 300 miles from the nearest town, the men have no opportunity to attend religious service. All officers here will appreciate any attention or recognition we may receive from friends at home. We shall be glad therefore to co-operate in any manner with your Association."

Maj. J. F. WADE.

"Texas is a large Missionary field, and we are glad to have some friends in New-York to aid us with material to work with. I beg to return you many thanks for Post favors."

Chaplain E. B. TUTTLE.

"I write to inform you of the change in my address, and to request you to continue the contribution of reading to this Post, for the use of the Hospital. We have always some patients who are glad to have it."

Surgeon C. H. ALDEN.

"While in command of Fort Fred. Steele, W. T., I had an opportunity of observing the working of your excellent Association, and I now write to ask that you will extend its benefits to the Post I am at present in command of. At these extreme frontier Posts it is very difficult to get either books or papers."

Gen. J. S. BRISBIN.

"We are anxious to avail ourselves of the benefits of your noble Association, and our Commanding Officer requests me to thank you for what we have received, and to express the hope that you will favor us with as many periodicals in the future as you may be able to send. Temperance papers and literature would be of great value to us among our men."

Lieut. H. S. COTTEL.

"I am sure I express the desire of every officer of this command when I say that it will be a source of pleasure to co-operate with and assist, in any way whatever, so valuable an institution as yours will be to the army."

Lieut. J. W. ECKLES.

"I take occasion to acknowledge the generous supplies of reading matter forwarded by your Association to Fort Wadsworth, D. T., while I was Chaplain there. It is very important to keep up this good work."

Chaplain GEO. D. CROCKER.

"Throughout my whole military career, of now more than thirty years, I have always been mindful of the well-being of the enlisted men, and have in various ways striven to advance it.

"I shall now be glad to co-operate with your Association to the extent of my ability. The Librarian's record shows the average *daily* attendance of enlisted men to be about one hundred."

Gen. WM. F. BARRY.

"In transmitting to you, for the Association, the enclosed trifle, I wish to express grateful acknowledgements for the benefits received during the year just closed, by the men of my command, in the reception of a liberal supply of Papers, &c., sent with so much regularity from your office.

"So entirely isolated as is most of our army from the privileges and benefits of society, I think yours is a very important work, and should be encouraged by all."

Capt. G. A. GOODALE.

"The number of enlisted men now at the Post is 374. The moral condition is very fair, with considerable intellectual taste and culture. We are now without religious services, not having a Post Chaplain. The objects and efforts of the Association are most highly appreciated, and your reading matter is thankfully received by the men of this command. I wish you continued success in your laudable efforts."

Gen. F. F. FLINT.



